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TAGS: ETRD, PFOR, EEC, MT

SUBJ: EC-MALTA ASSOCIATION

1. SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, VISITING MALTA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL EEC PARTICIPATION IN THE MALTA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, USED A LUNCHEON PLATFORM TO PROCLAIM NEW EEC INITIATIVES IN DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE MEDITERRANEAN POLICY TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY TRADE, BUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL MATTERS AS WELL. WITH THE GOOD NEWS CAME THE BAD- MALTA WAS CAUTIONED TO EXPECT THE SAME ASSOCIATION BENEFITS AS ALL OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT IT HAS ENJOYED SINCE 1971.

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AFTER GOVERNOR GENERAL'S DINNER FOR SOAMES, MINTOFF ANNOUNCED HE HAD BUSINESS WITH SIR CHRISTOPHER AND BOTH WITHDREW

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WITH THEIR ADVISORS, LEAVING ITALIANAND FRENCH AMBASSADORS,

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER GERMAN CHARGE TO TALK  
WITH THE LADIES. THEY WAITED FOR TWO HOURS AND THEN LEFT.

3. FOLLOWING DAY SOAMES MET WITH THE DESERTED DIPLOMATS  
AND TOLD THEM THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH MINTOFF HAD LASTED  
FROM 10:30 PM UNTIL 1:30 AM. MINTOFF BEGAN WITH LONG  
HARANGUE ON WHAT WAS WRONG WITH MALTA/EC AGREEMENT,  
E.G. LACK OF BENEFITS FOR MALTA'S AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS AND  
DESIRE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND ASKED SPECIAL, TREATMENT  
SEPARATE FROM OTHER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. SOAMES SAID HE  
RESPONDED POLITELY BUT VIGOROUSLY, MAINTAINING THAT EC  
HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS, AND HOLDING THAT MALTA MUST BE TREATED  
IN OVERALL MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT. HE DID, HOWEVER, APOLOGIZE  
FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME THE EC IS TAKING TO DEVELOP  
MEDITERRANEAN POLICY.GETZ

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